

TRANSITION PLANNING FOR SECURE CARE LEARNERS

- 2010 Transition Conference
- Designing the Future
 - Be Anyone You Want to Be
- Tuesday, September 21
 - 12:45 to 14:00

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CAPE TRANSITION TEAM



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INTRODUCTIONS

- Eva Dong
- Lisa Klukosky
- John Burkholder
- Kim Chumley
- Cathleen Fitzgerald
- Greg Gearhart

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Cape Transition Team Picture

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TIMELINE

- Grant Funds for Transition Conference
- Establish Transition Team Members
- Inclusion of both Detention Facilities

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EXPANDED COMMITTEE PARTNERS

- Juvenile Probation/Adult Probation
- Pre-Trial Services
- Az. Dept. of Juvenile Corrections
- Community Partnership of Southern Az.
- Public Defender
- One Stop
- University of Arizona

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- Grant Funding
- Dr. Richard Morris, PhD, Director of the U of A School Psychology Program
- Graduate Students
- Transition Team



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RECENT STATISTICS

(As cited in Sedlak, 2009)

■ Education

❖ Youth in Custody

■ 48% below grade level

■ 52% at grade level

❖ Youth in the Community

❖ 28% below grade level

❖ 72% at grade level

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RECENT STATISTICS

(AS cited in Sedlak, 2009)

■ Emotional/Mental Health Functioning

❖ 25% report a history of physical abuse; 7 times greater than that of general population.

❖ 12% report a history of sexual abuse; 20 times greater than that of general population.

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RECENT STATISTICS

(Krezmien et al., 2008)

■ Detained and Committed Youth

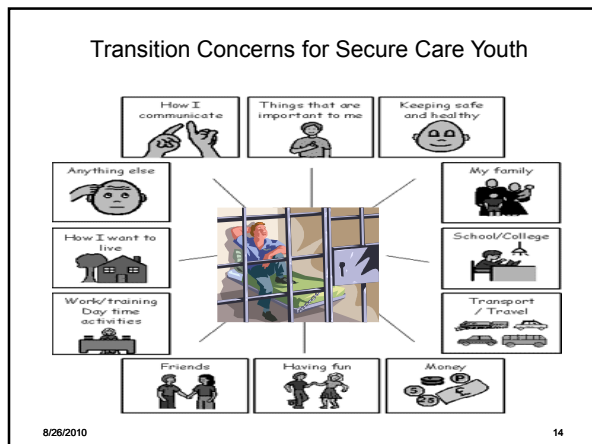
❖ Special Education = 44.7%

❖ Therapy = 40+ %

❖ Medication = 29.5%

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

■ Psychological Educational Battery Testing

❖ Purpose:

- ❖ Provide juvenile offenders and their education teams with detailed information on the youths cognition, academic achievement level and emotional functioning

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Psycho. Ed. Battery Testing Cont'd

■ Project Benefits

- ❖ To acquire an evidence-based understanding of the youth's strengths and needs in relation to their cognitive ability, academic ability and emotional functioning
- ❖ To provide recommendations to the youth and their education team on how to support successful educational transition back into the community

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Psycho. Ed. Battery Testing Cont'd

■ Project Challenges

- ❖ Validity of the psycho educational measures
- ❖ Completion before youth are released, PCJCC the average stay is 14.9 days. Much longer in Adult Detention.
- ❖ Criteria for determining which youth to assess
- ❖ Utilization and follow-up of the recommendations in the report

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Accomplishments Continued

■ Portable Transition Plan



■ Transition Coordinator



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AzCIS in DETENTION

- July 2009 Piloted in PCJCC 100 Living Unit
- Volunteers----GMAC and MAC Living Units
- Expansion----All Detention Staff Mentors Trained

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The Outcome







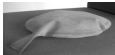
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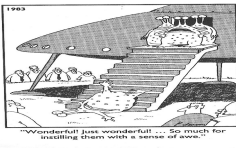
KEEPING THE TEAM TOGETHER

- Funding ideas 
- Get to know each other 
- Keep meetings regularly scheduled at a minimum of monthly meetings. Take minutes. 
- Incorporate decision-makers 
- Humor and patience! 

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No, really, team cohesion matters!



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QUESTIONS?



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